Proposed IEEE 802 LMSC Policy and Procedure Revision Ballot
on
WG Membership

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Purpose: Adjust membership rules so that membership in a new working group is established through study group attendance.

Rationale for proposed text:

The current IEEE 802 rules state that "All persons participating in the initial meeting of the Working Group become members of the Working Group." This allows that anyone (even someone who has never attended 802 before) can walk in and become a member of a Working Group (WG) in the first meeting of this working group's existence. In fact, such a person could even be elected to a position of responsibility such as Chair, even though they have had no prior experience in IEEE 802, and no familiarity with the rules or practices of IEEE 802, or the IEEE SA. The normal process requires that someone participate for at least 2 full sessions of 802 meetings before obtaining voting rights (on the 3rd session) let alone become chair of a working group and a voting Executive Committee member. The original wording of the Policies and Procedures (P&P) of IEEE 802 did not presume that the majority of WG membership would have no prior familiarity with IEEE 802. Rather it presumed that such individuals had for the most part been involved with 802, but were new to that WG as it had never existed before.

Given that it now is apparent that a large group of people with no prior experience in IEEE 802 could in fact walk in the first day of a WG's existence and elect a set of officer who are unfamiliar with IEEE 802 and IEEE SA Policies and Procedures, it seems appropriate to develop a set rule that prohibits such behavior, as it is not anticipated by the current rules.

Proposed Text:

1.1.1.1 Establishment

Membership in a Working Group is established by participating in the meetings of the Working Group at two out of the last four Plenary sessions, and by (optionally) providing a letter of intent to the Chair of the Working Group. Participation in a meeting is defined as at least 75% presence at a meeting. Participation at a session (the meanings of "meeting" and "session" are as per Robert's Rules) is defined as attending at least 75% of the meetings in a session. Membership starts at the third Plenary session attended by the participant. One duly constituted interim Working Group or task group meeting may be substituted for the Working Group meetings at one of the two Plenary sessions (See 5.1.3.5 Meetings and Participation).

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For the establishment of a new working group, membership is established based on attendance of Study Group meetings and sessions in the Study Group leading to the creation of the new Working Group. In cases where the Study Group (SG) has not be in existence for at least 2 sessions, attendance at other IEEE 802 WG prior to the existence of the SG will count towards establishment of membership. In no case should a person who is not a member in good standing of IEEE 802 by the end of the first session

of establishment of a WG be considered to Chair a WG, as they are unlikely to have sufficient familiarity with the Policies and Procedures of IEEE 802, as well as the IEEE 802 Standards Association (IEEE-SA), and IEEE Computer Society.

Attendees of the Working Group who have not achieved member status are known as observers. Liaisons are those designated individuals who provide liaison with other working groups or standards bodies. Although not a requirement for membership in the Working Group, participants are encouraged to join the IEEE, IEEE-SA, and the IEEE Computer Society. Membership in the IEEE SA will also allow participants to join the sponsor level ballot group. Working Group members shall participate in the consensus process in a manner consistent with their professional expert opinion as individuals, and not as organizational (industry or company) representatives.

No participation credit will be granted to any individual who has outstanding financial obligations to LMSC; retroactive credit for participation in meetings shall not be granted if payment is not made prior to the start of the next meeting. (Note: Assumes LMSC Treasurer personally contacts individual, verbally or in writing, but with some assurance that communication was, in fact, received, and in sufficient time to respond.)

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